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Rotary Club No. 3503

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Call to Order

President Ellen Hunter opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Guests included Morgan Paul (Sue Pittman), and Jan Heinrich (wife of Jim). Kurt Meier from the Sidney Rotary was our visiting Rotarian.

Alex Pittman led the singing of "Our Boys Will Shine". We helped celebrate Pat Cogan's birthday this week.

Happy Dollars / Fines

Jeff Squire gave a happy dollar for his trip to a U of Michigan football game. Dan Burke gave happy dollars for the OSU law

enforcement professionals who acted swiftly to ensure safety of students, including his son on Monday morning. Randy gave a happy dollar for his facial hair. Dan Gorby gave happy dollars for guest speakers from St. Marys sports programs. Charles Richtmyer is happy to return to St. Marys Rotary and for his recent cataract removal. Linda Haines gave happy dollars, as did Don Hinckley because he was able to play golf in Florida with his 90-year old dad. Sue Pittman is happy for upcoming library Christmas events; Kimberly is happy that Tami filled in for her today. Alex Pittman is happy for his wife who will end 3 decades of service to the library this evening.



Phil Schumann fined the following: Robbi for her oversized soup bowl, Ellen for mis-spelling the name of our St. Marys basketball coach in her weekly email, and Ron Gorby for not reading the Rotarian so as to know Do Nguyen's most beloved "dream-come-true" project - Buidling schools, day care centers, and medical clinics in his home country of Vietnam. p. 11 in December Rotarian.

Announcements / Presentations

- President Ellen announced "Paint for Polio"--6:30 pm, Fri,

12/2/16 and thanks Dan Hosek for his efforts.

- Sign up for Bell Ringing, 2hour shifts. John is asking Rotarians to sign up to ring the bell at K-Mart passed a sign-up sheet around.
- Sue's retirement party is tonight!
- Ellen presented Rotary's 2017 donation and generous support for Arts Place, Auglaize/Mercer County to Rebecca Regnet.

Program

Craig Noble introduced guest speakers, Craig Szymczak, boys basketball, head coach; Sara Dieringer, girls assistant coach; and Jon Burke, JV coach for girls basketball.

Craig is in his second year and shared highlights about his experience. With one week of practice with football team players joining, he has 30 kids out for the program this year but only 2 seniors. Their varsity experience will be helpful though he believes the competition in this league will make for a tough and physical year. The team has better height that in recent years and are an athletic group who will be able to make their fourth quarter play the difference in many games.



Sara Dieringer shared her perspectives on the girls basketball program this year. There are 15

girls coming out this year but they are not deep and have had several injuries. There are four starters returning. The team plays a "run and gun" transition since they don't have much size. Jonathan shared his commitment to the Little Rider program, which continues to help growth interest and enthusiasm for both boys and girls basketball programs at St. Mary High School.



Queen of Hearts

Zach Ferrell drew for the Queen, but she was not found.

Upcoming Programs

- 12/7/16 Lori Martensen, Wright State Rural Health Initiative
- 12/14/16 MHS Glitter and Gold
- 12/21/16 Christmas Party

Upcoming Greeters

- 12/7/16 Bev Wilker
- 12/14/16 Dan Hosek

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

** Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

